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The picturesque bridge over the river Waal in Nijmegen, in the province of Gelderland. In the foreground a beautiful floral art design picturing the coat of arms and the old latin name "NOVIOMAGUS", given to the city by the Roman Empire. More on Nijmegen on pages 18, 19 & 20.

**Important:** The entries below are an indication only of what events are planned during the coming months and the information given may not always be accurate and could be subject to change.

For up-to-date accurate information, **always** refer to the larger function advertisements inside this paper or the posters displayed in the clubhouse.

**Upcoming Functions to be held in the Neerlandia clubhouse or in other venues as shown:**

Saturday 3 May	<b><u>"Remembrance Ceremony"</u></b> More detail on page 13	
Sunday 4 May	<b><u>"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"</u></b> Admission: \$8.00	11.00 am
Thurs 8 May	<b><u>"DJVV Club"</u></b> (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Wed 14 May	<b><u>"MidMonthMovieMeeting"</u></b> Dutch Movie: "Oorlogswinter" Members \$2.50 Non-Members \$3.00 More details on page 21	7pm-11pm
Thurs 22 May	<b><u>"DJVV Club"</u></b> (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Friday 30 May	<b><u>"End of Month Drinks"</u></b> More details on page 4	
Sunday 1 June	<b><u>"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"</u></b> Admission: \$8.00	11.00 am
Thurs 5 June	<b><u>"DJVV Club"</u></b> (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Wed 11 June	<b><u>"MidMonthMovieMeeting"</u></b> Dutch Movie: "Alles is Familie" Members \$2.50 Non-Members \$3.00	7pm-11pm
Tuesday 17 June	<b><u>"Neerlandia Information Meeting"</u></b>	7pm
Friday 27 June	<b><u>"End of Month Drinks"</u></b> More details on page 4	
Sunday 6 July	<b><u>"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"</u></b> Admission: \$8.00	11.00 am
Sunday 13 July	<b><u>"Sunday Brunch"</u></b> Admission: Members: \$12.00 Guests \$15.00	11.00 am

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## **Private Members Parties:**

**For bookings of Private Members Parties or information that is not in this magazine, please phone:**

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**Minimum charges for using our Clubhouse facilities are:**

<b>Use of Hall</b>	<b>from \$275.00 (Incl. GST)</b>
<b>Use of Lounge</b>	<b>from \$100.00 (Incl. GST)</b>
<b>Use of Kitchen</b>	<b>from \$100.00 (Incl. GST)</b>





## President's Report

After the September 2013 AGM it became obvious that Neerlandia's financial position dictated a different road to travel if we wanted the club to survive.

Forty five years of the same is finally catching up and something drastic has

to happen to keep the club afloat.

However, before we could even begin to think of what measures the committee ought to take to guarantee survival, we first have to identify the bottleneck(s).

By now, most of you who regularly read the magazine, know that there are three components that the club has struggled with over the last five years or so: a rise of costs in overheads, a lack of volunteers to organise/attend functions and consequently the club missing out on income from such functions.

But, even if we have enough volunteers, the growing expenses to keep the building running would sooner rather than later be the financial end of the club.

An added given is that the newer members, who luckily enough feel that there should be a Dutch Club in Perth, have different expectations of what the Dutch Club is all about. And whether the traditional members like this or not, the newer Dutch are the future of the club that you built. We realized therefore that, in order to keep the Dutch Club in existence, we have to change. And change we will.

In the first President's Report of 2014 I promised you change and I am now able to advise you and to inform you what the committee has worked on for the last eight months.

We believe that we have found the solution to guarantee that Dutch Society Neerlandia will stay in existence and thereby keep the Dutch heritage and culture alive.

Looking at the cash in hand and the savings in the bank, we calculated that we have two to three years to survive, providing the roof would hold and/or no other major maintenance issues would occur.

We also realized that we own this building, which is located at a very favorable spot in a popular suburb. And so we started to study the possibility of selling the building, investing the money and rent alternative premises as our club house. If we

sold the building and we invested wisely, we would have a monthly income of such a magnitude that we could organise functions again as we would be able to afford to hire people to work behind the bar, to have caterers in the kitchen who not only cook our traditional snacks but expand the menu with traditional Dutch meals. Consequently we would attract more people to visit the club, give more people a reason to become a member and thus have membership grow. We would not have to worry about broken down heaters as we would now be able to replace them thereby providing a constant comfort for our club members.

However, this would only be possible if, instead of buying a new premises, we would rent one. By renting a clubhouse we would not have to worry about overheads any longer and we would be able to come and to go as we pleased.

Once the committee realized that selling the current property and renting the next one was the only option to guarantee a healthy financial position for the club, we began to look for a suitable property.

We knew that what we wanted was a building similar to our current one: a big area for functions and a smaller area for the card clubs and private parties. We wanted parking, lots of parking. Those people who attend our popular End of Month Drinks know how difficult parking is and how patrons are forever struggling to leave the parking area. With a growing number of younger members, we wanted a building with playing areas and grassy fields for the kids to play rather than having them running around in circles in the club house.

With this in mind we went to visit bowling clubs in the Wembley area. Bowling clubs, like every club these days, are always financially struggling and we thought that any (bowling) club would be happy to rent space to us. Although we all agreed that this was true, we felt a sadness when it came to the loss of "Dutchness" if we were to move in with such a club.

So, where to go? Until, one fine morning, one of the committee members suggested to approach The Morley Windmills, the original Dutch Soccer Club, still very much in existence with now predominantly Australian and English soccer players, but still with Dutch (speaking) people as the Executive Committee.

From that morning onwards the Neerlandia committee started to work on plans, calculations and management ideas.

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# President's Report & In Memoriam

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The first meeting with "The Windmills" occurred in November 2013 and since that first meeting mutual respect and understanding have developed. We are now near signing an agreement. Let me tell you a bit more about the chosen premises.

The Morley Windmills are situated in Embleton, which, when you look at the map, is not very much further or closer than the current clubhouse when you live in wider Perth. The only ones who will really feel a change in distance are Inge and myself as we both live in or very close to Wembley.

The clubhouse at The Windmills is solid but a bit tired and a prime example of not to judge a book by its cover. Over time the spacious clubhouse will get a make-over and before too long the clubhouse will feel like your second home, just like our current clubhouse does now.

Most of the furniture and the things that make our clubhouse Dutch will move with us to the new premises. We respect that this change will need some getting used to from most of our members, new and older ones.

We appreciate that a lot of emotion is attached to our current clubhouse. Yet, you should not forget that the clubhouse is a shell; the club is ours. With the sale of the clubhouse and the move to other premises, the financial future of Neerlandia is guaranteed for at least another 20 years. The club will still be the club with its sub clubs, with the magazine and the annual AGM; the only difference being that we will meet at a different location and we will have money to enjoy ourselves.

With the sale of the clubhouse and the move to The Windmills, the club does not cease to exist and together with you, the members, we will endeavour to leave everything as much the same as possible, only this time with a financially healthy position.

At the moment we still have enough capital to be in charge of our destiny. If we wait one or two years more, no money will be left and with that we will have lost the ability to choose our own destiny.

We have to act now to make sure that Dutch Society Neerlandia stays alive.

We want to reiterate that we are not amalgamating with The Windmills, we will pay rent to use their premises. This gives flexibility for both parties and this is a win-win situation for both parties.

We understand and we hope that you will have lots of questions once you have read this article. We would like to encourage you all to send your

questions in or to ask questions to your committee members when you see them in the club. In the June issue of this magazine we will have a FAQ session that will deal with your questions.

Furthermore, to answer your questions in a group discussion, we are inviting you to join us on Tuesday evening 17 June 2014 at 7pm in the club house for an informal information evening.

During this information evening the Neerlandia financials will once more be explained to the members and all your questions regarding the sale of the clubhouse, the move to The Windmills and the consequences of these actions will be answered as best as we can.

We are looking forward to your questions and on behalf of all of us, I would like to thank you for the trust that you have in the Committee.

## Dutch Community Radio

Not long ago Neerlandia was approached by DCR, which needed assistance in keeping the radio station alive.

We were advised about the serious financial position DCR was in and we realized that something had to happen to make sure that DCR had the means to pay for its broadcasting license. It did not take us too much time to decide that we had to help where possible.

With pride and optimism I can inform you that Neerlandia is now the main sponsor of Dutch Community Radio.

We sponsor Dutch Community Radio because we believe that DCR is another important institution to keep the Dutch heritage alive.

**Lianna Parker**  
**President**

## IN LOVING MEMORY

Passed away on the 4th of April

**Tom Willemsen**

Our sincere condolences to his family  
from the Dutch Singers, the Hollandia Choir and  
the Dutch Society Neerlandia



**May He Rest in Peace.**





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## Eventies bijpraten met Lianna & Inge



### De BoekHoek

*Ruimte voor jezelf -  
Opruimen in geest en huis*  
door Stephanie Bennet-Vogt

Dit boek gaat over het opruimen in geest en huis. Rommel is niet alleen de hoeveelheid spullen achter in onze kast, maar bepaalt hoe wij onszelf en de wereld om ons heen ervaren.' In 'Ruimte voor jezelf' laat Stephanie Bennet-Vogt zien dat opruimen niet een gedachteloze oefening van weggooien is, maar een voorzichtige reis van oplettendheid, de tijd nemen, aandacht geven en loslaten. 'Ruimte voor jezelf' is een uniek boek met een nieuw model van opruimen, dat de oude oosterse wijsheid van ruimteverdeling combineert met praktische westerse tips om op te ruimen. Het boek is opgedeeld in zes delen. Elk hoofdstuk bevat praktische oefeningen en vragen om bij stil te staan. De uitleg is erg duidelijk en gemakkelijk te volgen. Het boek zal vele lezers in staat brengen om opgeruimder en helderder door het leven te gaan. Bevat voorwoord en diverse aanhangsels.

Deze titel is verkrijgbaar als boek en als e-boek bij: bol.com

### De KookHoek

Nicole is de inspiratie voor de maandelijkse KookHoek. Zij is geboren en getogen in Nederland en komt uit een Nederlands-Indisch gezin. Eten, in de ruimste zin van het woord is haar passie: zij bereid het en kweekt zelf vele van de ingrediënten; ze leest en zij schrijft erover - elke dag werkt zij met eten.

Nicole heeft ons toestemming gegeven om haar blog als bron te gebruiken voor onze maandelijkse KookHoek, iets waar we heel erg blij mee zijn. Deze maand hebben we een hartige taart gekozen die zowel warm als koud gegeten kan worden!

### Zalm Taart

For the benefit of the non-Dutch readers, this recipe is in the English language



### Salmon Pie

1x 400 gram can of pink or red salmon  
50 gram Boursin or any other soft garlic cheese  
1 small shallot  
1 tablespoon of bread crumbs

3 tablespoons diced red and green capsicum  
3 eggs  
1 sheet puff pastry  
drained corn (optional)  
Fresh parsley

Drain the salmon and break the fish into big pieces, picking out the skin and bones. Beat eggs with half of the cheese. Chop the shallot and fold into the eggs. Roll the thawed puff pastry out in a 20cm pie form, poke holes in pastry with a fork, and cover with 1 tablespoon of breadcrumbs. Distribute the salmon chunks over the bottom and pour eggs on top. Break the rest of the cheese over the egg. Lastly sprinkle the



peppers on to the drained corn if you're using it. Heat the oven to 200C and bake the salmon pie in 20 minutes until done (the egg will be solid). You may finish it under the grill to add some color to the top.



Sprinkle with freshly chopped parsley just before serving.

Makes 8 slices.

Source: (met toestemming van) Nicole Holten,

## Eventjes bijpraten met Lianna & Inge

The Dutch Table <http://www.thedutchtable.com>

### MidMonthMovieMeeting

Mid maart was de MMMM, een film op een woensdagavond in het clubhuis. Op veler verzoek hadden we gekozen voor de film "Marathon" en het bleek een goede keuze te zijn. Inge had haar popcorn machine meegebracht; chips en bierworstjes konden aan de bar worden gekocht. De koffie en thee was gratis. En weet je wat? Het was een hele gezellige bijeenkomst, niet te veel mensen maar erg leuk.

Zoals met elk nieuw idee, mensen moeten even wennen aan het idee en de filmavond in de agenda zetten. Maar, gebaseerd op de twee filmavonden die we tot nog toe hebben georganiseerd in Neerlandia, zien we een groeiende interesse ontstaan.

Met de vele oranje vieringen in april was er geen MMMM die maand maar op 14 mei doen we het weer, een filmavond in de club. We vertonen dan de meer serieuze film "De Oorlogswinter". Tot dan!

Meer info? Even bellen met Lianna 0437 629 635 of mailen naar Inge [ingevanmaanen@hotmail.com](mailto:ingevanmaanen@hotmail.com)

### March End of Month Drinks

On the 28th of March the monthly drinks were held. Again this night was a huge success. There were not as many people as on previous occasions, but there were again some new faces and overall it was very 'gezellig'. It always surprises me how every month there are new Dutch people that find our clubhouse. This is such a positive thing; and we always try to ask them how they find us. Most people these days find us through social media and by word of mouth. So please keep up the great work and tell other Dutchies about our events.

A massive thanks to everyone involved in the organisation. We had some new faces in the kitchen and behind the bar.

It is very encouraging to have more enthusiastic people volunteering a little time on the evening to help make this night a success. Would you like to be part of this great night as well? Please contact Lianna or Inge.

April is going to be a busy month for the Dutch community in Perth. On 26<sup>th</sup> of April will be the celebrations of the very first Kingsday in all our lifetimes. I still cannot get used to the word 'Koningsdag'.

Of course this historic event will be celebrated at Neerlandia. There will be the normal End of Month drinks on Friday 25 April (come dressed up in Orange!). On Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> we will be playing the film 'Beatrix – Oranje onder vuur'. This really is a Must-See movie. Please see the ad in the magazine for more details. And last but not least on Saturday night we will be organising an 'Oranje Kroegenavond'. Similar to the kroegenavonden organised previously, just a little louder, crazier and more orange! We hope to see you at one of the events!

Lianna & Inge

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!!  
THE FOLLOWING ARE NOW  
MEMBERS OF  
THE DUTCH SOCIETY  
NEERLANDIA**

Roy Chase  
Gerard Kluck  
Jeff Verheggen  
Melanie Verheggen  
Desiree De Graaf  
Anne High  
Ric High  
Paul De Jong  
John De Jong  
Diana De Jong  
Henny Yates  
Marieke Elzinga



# March End of Month Drinks

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On Friday the 28th of March the customary End of Month Drinks were held in the Neerlandia Clubhouse.

About 110 people attended and there was a nice mixture of older members, younger ones and a few children.

Several Dutch music videos were played in the main hall on the large screen, which created an ambient atmosphere, especially as the sound was at a low level so that normal conversations were not interrupted.

As customary the kitchen and bar did a roaring



**Gerry Creemers having a chat with Inge and new bar recruit Lisa**

trade, which kept the army of volunteers staff on their toes. Without those volunteers it would have been impossible to organise a night like this. We are all very grateful for their services and cannot thank them enough. A report on the Special Orange End of Month Drinks will be published in the June issue. PL.



**Robert Wegman with family & friends**



**Barrie Parker meeting up with some friends**



**Nel Ottenhof (top left) with family & friends**



**Nelly Liebrechts with granddaughter**





## Dear Members,

Friday the 5th of April was a very memorable day in my life as on that afternoon I actually received my Australia Medal at Government House from His excellency Malcolm Mc Cusker, Governor of Western Australia. There are only few people that are aware what happens at ceremonies such as this, so I will give a brief overview of the procedures.

At arrival all the recipients were asked to go downstairs where they were given a 20 minute briefing of the entire procedures, which apparently needed to proceed with military precision.

After the briefing we all went upstairs in small groups and were placed in a side room next to the mail hall, in which about 300 people were seated.

Every recipient had been allowed to bring three family members and also there were quite a few invited honorary guests present as well.

Everyone of the recipients had been given a row and seat number to make sure that they were sitting in the right order in which they had to be ushered one by one up onto the stage.

After the Governor and his wife entered the hall and he was on the stage, his secretary gave an introduction to each person. At that very precise moment, he or she was guided via 5 ushers towards the stage, then he or she was allowed to climb the stairs up to the stage to meet the governor at just the precise moment when his name was mentioned. All this of course happened with repeated name checks to ensure the right person was going onto stage, to prevent any cock-ups so to speak.

After meeting the Governor, he pinned the medal on the recipient and again shook hands, while a professional photographer took photos.

(Private cameras were not allowed to be used)

After everyone had been given their medals, we all went downstairs for liquid refreshments and sumptuous finger foods, all this while we mixed with everyone else.

## Important Changes for the Dutch community in WA.

In the President's report you would have read two important announcements.

The Dutch Community radio, which was struggling financially, has been thrown a life-line by Neerlandia in

the form of a sponsorship, which will guarantee their foreseeable future. A great gesture by Neerlandia. And in the presidents report you can also read that the Neerlandia Committee has thoroughly investigated the idea of selling the Neerlandia clubhouse and to rent other premises to assure Neerlandia's future and that the Committee is planning to take the next steps on that road.

***As an ex-president and a Neerlandia member, I wholeheartedly support both foregoing decisions.***

Of course there are still many questions that need to be answered, but I am led to believe that most, if not all bases are covered. But the members have an obligation and responsibility to ask questions to ensure that absolutely nothing is overlooked, before we are fully committed to take such an important step.

I urge you to make use of the opportunity and attend the information evening on the 17th of June.

Exiting times are ahead in order to save Neerlandia!

**Pieter Leeftang, Editor**

## The Nursing Home

Three mischievous old Grandmas were sitting on a bench outside a nursing Home when an old Grandpa walked by.



One of the old Grandmas yelled out: 'HeyPoppy, we bet we can tell exactly how old you are!'

The old man replied: 'There is

no way you can guess my age!'

One of the Grandmas then said: 'Sure we can! Just drop your trousers and we can tell your exact age.'

Embarrassed, but anxious to prove they couldn't do it, he dropped his trousers.

Then the Grandmas asked him to first turn around a couple of times and then jump up and down several times so that they could get it right.

Determined to prove them wrong, he did.

Then they all said in unison: 'You're 87 years old!'

Still standing there with his trousers down around his ankles, the old gent asked: 'How in the world did you guess my age?'

Slapping their knees, high fiving and grinning from ear to ear, the three old ladies happily crowed in unison.....

***'We were at your birthday party yesterday!'***





## Laughter is still the best medicine



### Old Timers Bar

Four old retired guys are walking down a street in Port Macquarie, Australia.

They turned a corner and see a sign that says: 'Old Timers Bar - all drinks 10 cents? They look at each other and then go in, thinking this is too good to be true.

The old bartender says in a voice that carries across the room: 'Come on in and let me pour one for you!

What'll it be, Gentlemen?'

There seemed to be a fully-stocked bar, so each of the men ask for a Martini. In short order, the bartender serves up four iced martinis.....shaken, not stirred, and says: 'That'll be 10 cents each, please.'

The four men stare at the bartender for a moment.

Then look at each other...they can't believe their good luck. They pay the 40 cents, finish their martinis and order another round.

Again, four excellent martinis are produced with the bartender again saying: 'That's 40 cents, please.'

They pay the 40 cents, but their curiosity is greater and they cannot hold it back any longer.

They have each had two martinis and so far they've spent less than a dollar.

Finally one of the men says: 'How can you afford to serve martinis as good as these for 10 cents each?'

'I'm a retired tailor from Sydney,' the bartender said and I always wanted to own a bar? Last year I hit the Lottery for \$25 million and decided to open this place. Every drink costs ten cents - wine, liquor, beer, it's all the same.'

Wow!!!! That's quite a story,' says one of the men.

The four of them sipped at their martinis and couldn't help but notice seven other people at the end of the bar who didn't have drinks in front of them and hadn't ordered anything the whole time they had been there.

One man gestures at the seven at the end of the bar without drinks and asks the bartender: 'What's with them?'

The bartender says: 'Oh, they're all old retired farts from the caravan park, waiting for Happy Hour, when drinks are half price.'

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### By all means... MARRY.. but be prepared for the consequences. (Famous sayings!)

I recently read that love is entirely a matter of chemistry. That must be why my wife treats me like toxic waste.

*David Bissonette.*

When a man steals your wife, there is no better revenge than to let him keep her.

*Sacha Guitry.*

After marriage, husband and wife become two sides of a coin; they just can't face each other, but still they stay

together.

*Hemant Joshi.*

By all means marry. If you get a good wife, you'll be happy. If you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher.

*Socrates.*

Women inspire us to great things, and prevent us from achieving them.

*Dumas.*

I had some words with my wife, and she had some paragraphs with me.

*Anonymous.*

'Some people ask the secret of our long marriage. We take time to go to a restaurant two times a week. A little candlelight, dinner, soft music and dancing. She goes Tuesdays, I go Fridays.'

*Henny Youngman.*

'I don't worry about terrorism. I was married for two years.'

*Sam Kinison.*

'There's a way of transferring funds that is even faster than electronic banking. It's called marriage.'

*James Holt McGavran.*

'I've had bad luck with both my wives. The first one left me and the second one didn't.'

*Patrick Murray.*

Two secrets to keep your marriage brimming

1. Whenever you're wrong, admit it,
2. Whenever you're right, shut up.

*Nash.*

The most effective way to remember your wife's birthday is to forget it once...

*Anonymous.*

You know what I did before I married? Anything I wanted to.

*Henny Youngman.*

My wife and I were happy for twenty years. Then we met.

*Rodney Dangerfield.*

A good wife always forgives her husband when she's wrong.

*Milton Berle.*

Marriage is the only war where one sleeps with the enemy.

*Anonymous.*

A son asked his Dad how much it costs to get married. His Dad replied: I don't know son, I'm still paying.



## DUTCH AGED CARE t/a CURA IN-HOME CARE

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### Sunday Drive

On Sunday the 6th of April the usual Sunday drive was held. Gerry Creemers, the usual organiser had to leave early and Pieter Leeftang could not make it either. To overcome this, Murray Koedijk was asked to come in and take over. That was no problem for Murray and we all would like to thank him for doing so. The first players arrived shortly after 10 am in order to catch up with friends or just have a chat in general over a cup of coffee. At 11.00 sharp the competition started and everyone had a lunch break after two games.

After a total of 3 hours of fierce competition, the scorecards were checked and the winners were announced.

The competition was very close as there were only 39 points between first and second prize winners.

The winners were:

1st prize	Nel Bakker	6864 points
2nd prize	Peter Segers	6825 points
3rd prize	Elly Schenkelaar	6610 points



Quite a few players just missed out on the prizes and to all those players: Better luck next time!

The next Sunday Drives will be held on Sunday the 4th of May and the one after that on Sunday the 8th of June.

Gerry Creemers.

## DE NEERLANDIA WINKEL

### Levensmiddelen en allerlei lekkernijen uit Nederland

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- ... Leidse & Goudse Kaas
- ... Ontbijtkoek, gemberkoek en kandijkoek
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### De Neerlandia Winkel is open op de volgende dagen:

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Elke donderdagavond	van 10.00 pm -11.00 pm
Iedere vrijdag	van 10.00 am - 12 uur

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# End of Month Drinks

After the exciting Orange End of Month Drinks on the 25th of April, the May one will be held on Friday the 30th of May.

If you would like to give us a hand to ensure we have enough volunteers to keep everyone happy, please contact Inge van Maanen on: [ingevanmaanen@hotmail.com](mailto:ingevanmaanen@hotmail.com)

Only with your continued support as volunteer will the EoM Drinks survive.

The Bar will be open from 5.30 pm - 9.00 pm.

And you are all welcome to come for some relaxation, meet up with old friends or make new ones and enjoy a Dutch beer or a Dutch snack or just a cup of coffee!

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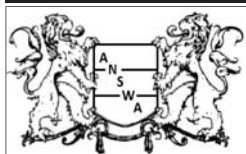
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**Dear Readers,**

### ***Memorial Service.***

We will soon be commemorating our annual Memorial Service. This year it will be held on Saturday the

3rd of May 2014.

I hereby invite you all to this service, which will be held at the Dutch Annex of the Australian War Memorial, Smythe Road, Nedlands.

The Service commences at 9.30 am and concludes at 11.00 am.

After the service the Clubhouse of Dutch Society Neerlandia will be open for your convenience at 230 Cambridge Street, Wembley.



I hope to see many of you there.

### ***Archives Information***

The archives' collection consist mainly of documents and records of activities collected by the Australian Government since Federation in 1901 and covers a vast

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range of subject areas, which include immigration.

This provides a treasure chest of fascinating information to interested persons. One of these records is the collection of Passenger lists.

Passenger lists for boats and aircraft arriving in Australia in the 1950's in general provide personal information.

Many ships are covered including the Groote Beer, Johan van Oldenbarnevelt, Nelly, Sibajak, Skaubryn & Waterman and some KLM flights which were especially chartered to carry migrants from the Netherlands.



The Archives' office in East Victoria Park holds inwards and outwards passenger lists for the port of Fremantle and other ports in Western Australia and Perth airports, from 1898 to 1978.

As memories can fade, the Perth office developed a project to index the passengers

arriving into Western Australia and this index is also available in "RecordSearch."

The Archives' have Reading Rooms in each State. In the WA reading room you can use computers to access the website, online databases, guide and fact sheets and to view digital copies of some records to help you. Viewing records is free in the reading room but charges will apply if you want copies. So come to the Perth Reading Room it is located at 384 Berwick Street, East Victoria Park.

The Reading Room is open 9.00am to 4.30pm, Wednesday to Friday, except on public holidays.

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## From the News Desk of Dutch Cultural Heritage in WA

This year the Western Australian Museum will publish the book:

*'Dutch Maritime, Military, Migration and Mercantile relationships with Western Australia 1616 - 2016'*

I am coordinating editor and contributor my contribution is on postwar Dutch settlement in WA.

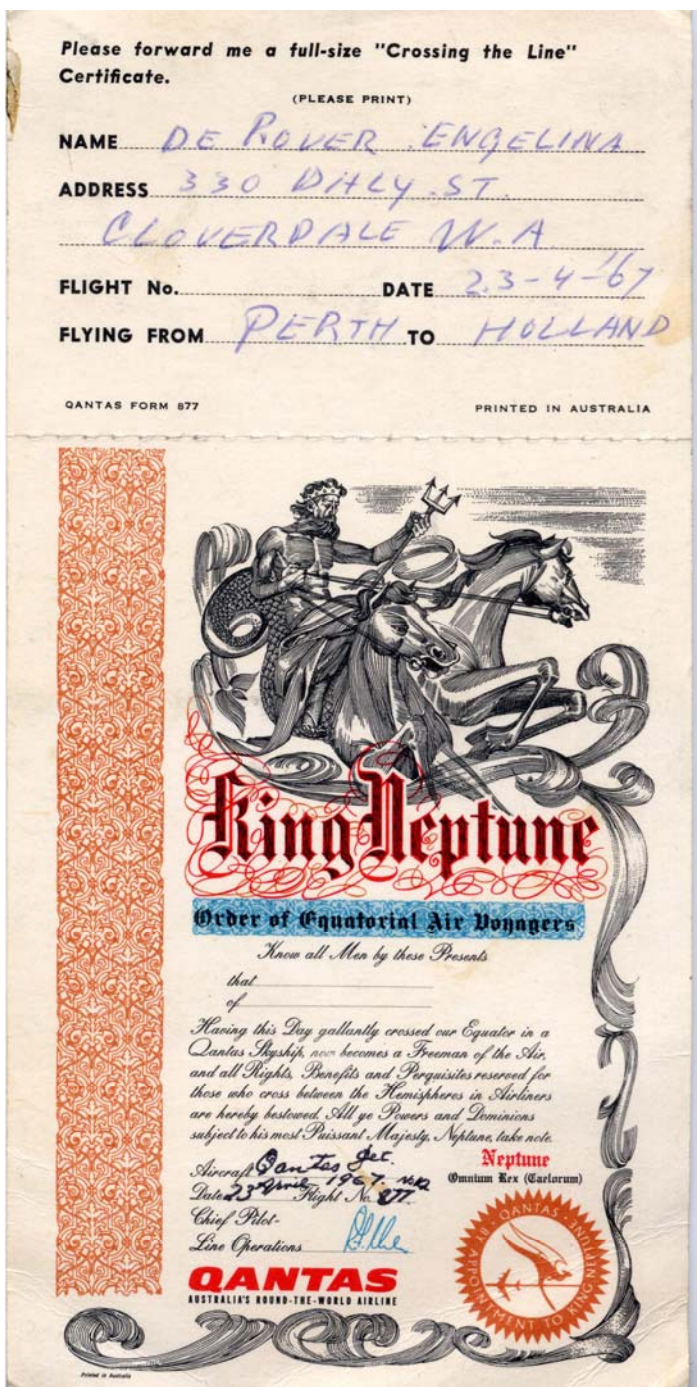
The book is highly informative as it has great contributions from both academics and Dutch citizens on all the four 'M' themes outlined above.

However, I am still looking for photos about some of the early historical aspects of Dutch presence in WA. If you by chance have photos of the Kings Street Dutch Club where many dinner dances were held from as early as 1949 I would greatly appreciate being able to use them

in the book? In fact you might have great other photos, I use the ones with the best quality for publication. Such themes as arrival, departure, schools, camps etc are always useful for publication.

I am also interested in your personal story of coming to Australia and making a new life here for my website [www.daaag.org](http://www.daaag.org).

You can send them to me at Curtin University: Nonja Peters, Director, History of Migration Experiences (HOME) in the Curtin University Sustainability Policy Institute (CUSP), PO Box U1987, Perth 6845



# Dutch Community Radio



## To all our listeners and future listeners.

In our publication in the February issue of the Neerlandia we wrote that the Dutch Community Radio (DCR) might have to stop broadcasting as our funds were going down rapidly. We asked for donations but apart from a very generous donation from the Sandgropers, no funds were received. Our bank account was not looking healthy and we feared that we were only able to continue the Sunday programs on 6EBA for a few more months.

Then, we got news from Dutch Society Neerlandia, saying that they were willing to assist the DCR financially by becoming our main sponsor. It goes without say that the relief of our dedicated crew was enormous. After all the DCR provides a unique piece of Dutch culture and is an important part of our heritage.

The above has given our team of volunteers a real boost and it is with fresh enthusiasm that we are preparing and presenting our weekly broadcasts. The end of the month Sunday programs, where we play more recent and even brand new releases from artists and groups of a Dutch, Flemish or Afrikaans background is now in its third month. Feedback from listeners has been positive, in particular from those of the younger generation. And yes, there has also been a complaint from a more mature listener, who declared he turned the radio off on the last Sunday of the month. But he also said that he likes the other weeks so he is still happy.

Making people happy is what we set out to do and therefore we need to know what music you would like to hear during the Dutch program. Therefore, to enable us to play 'your' music, your feedback and requests are very important. Without your input we can't make a program that will bring a smile to your face. Please note that your views and requests will need to be with us before Thursday afternoon at the latest otherwise Theo, our Music Guru, is not able to incorporate them in the program for the following Sunday. Also remember that we need to comply with the rules as set by World Station 6EBA therefore there must not be any inappropriate language in the lyrics.

You can inform us of your musical preferences via our Dutch Community Radio Facebook page and while you are there, please give us a 'like', or you can send an email to [dutchradio@iinet.net.au](mailto:dutchradio@iinet.net.au).

In case you do not have access to the Internet, you can send a letter to

DCR, PO BOX 200, WEMBLEY WA 6913.



As mentioned last time, Freek and Karin have done many (fun) hours of training at the station and are now qualified panel operators. This is taken the pressure of Peter and Robert, our two overworked panel operators.

Further good news is that Harry has agreed to be in the studio every now and then. This gives Freek and Karin three experienced panel operators, of whom they can get assistance and advice when they need it.

The DCR crew now looks as follows

**Panel Operators:** Peter, Robert, Harry, Karin and Freek.

**Announcers:** Bettina, Helga, Theo and Vera.

That is it from the DCR for now. Remember we love to get feedback from you, so please contact us.

And we are looking forward to be with you each Sunday afternoon from 2 to 3:30pm.

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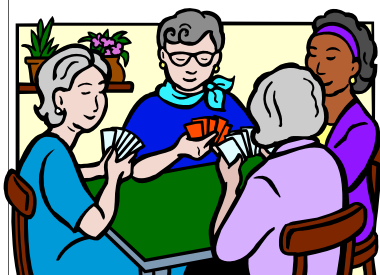
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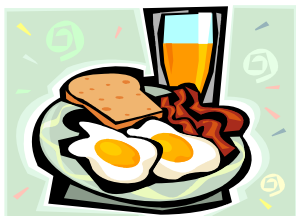
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koffie zijn bij de  
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inbegrepen.

Aanvang 11.00 uur.

Iedereen is welkom.



**OUR MIDWINTER BRUNCH WILL BE ON SUNDAY THE 13TH OF JULY AT 10.00 AM**



# Brunch

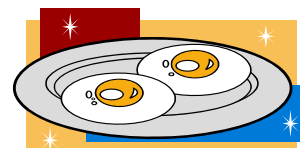
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# The city of Nijmegen

## NIJMEGEN

### History

The first mention of Nijmegen in history is in the 1st century BC, when the Romans built a military camp on the place where Nijmegen is now located.

By 69AD, a village called *Oppidum Batavorum* had formed near the Roman camp. The Batavians, the original inhabitants of the Rhine and Maas delta, rose against the Romans. The village was destroyed in the revolt, but when the uprising was halted, the Romans built another bigger camp, where the Legio X *Gemina* was stationed and another village was formed promptly around this camp.

In 98AD Nijmegen was the first of two settlements in what is now the Kingdom of the Netherlands to receive **Roman** city rights.

In 104 Emperor Trajan renamed the town, which became known as *Ulpia Noviomagus Batavorum*, Noviomagus for short (the origin of the current name Nijmegen).

The powerful Henry VI, Holy Roman Emperor was born at Nijmegen in 1165. In 1230 his son Frederick II granted Nijmegen city rights.

Nijmegen became a part of the Republic of United Provinces in 1585, it remained a border town and had to endure multiple sieges.

In the second half of the 19th century, the fortifications around the city became a major problem. There were too many inhabitants inside the walls, but the fortifications could not be demolished because Nijmegen was deemed as being of vital importance to the defense of the Netherlands. When events in the Franco-Prussian war proved that old-fashioned fortifications were no more of use, this policy was changed and the fortifications were dismantled in 1874. The old castle had already been demolished in 1797, so that its bricks could be sold.

Through the second half of the 19th century and the first half of the 20th century, Nijmegen grew steadily. The Waal was bridged in 1878 by a rail bridge and in 1936 by a car bridge.

In 1927 a channel was dug between the Waal and Maas rivers.

### The 2nd World War.

In 1940, the Netherlands was invaded by Germany with Nijmegen being the first Dutch city to fall into German hands.



On February 22, 1944, Nijmegen was heavily bombed by American planes, causing great damage to the city centre. The American pilots thought they were bombing the German city of Kleve. Over 750 people died in the bombardment.

During September 1944, the city saw heavy fighting during Operation Market Garden. The objective in Nijmegen was mainly to prevent the Germans from destroying the bridges. Capturing the road bridge allowed the British Army XXX Corps to attempt to reach the 1st British Airborne Division in Arnhem. The bridge was heavily defended by over 300 German troops on both the north and south sides with close to 20 anti-tank

guns and two anti-aircraft guns, supported with artillery. The Germans' late attempt to blow the road bridge was probably foiled by a local Dutch resistance hero, Jan van Hoof, who is said to have cut the wires to the bridge.

Nijmegen celebrated its 2000th year of existence in 2005. It is considered by many to be the oldest city in the Netherlands. In gaining this qualification, it has to compete with the city of Maastricht.

### The river Waal

In order to prevent future flooding, the Dutch government is changing the course of more than 30 rivers throughout the country. These measures taken along the rivers IJssel, Lek, Maas and Waal are known as: 'Room for the Rivers'.

Room for the river Waal as it passes through Nijmegen is one of these measures. The river Waal not only has a sharp bend near Nijmegen, it also forms a bottleneck. In the years 1993 and 1995 this led to high water and floods. To prevent this from happening again and in order to protect the inhabitants of the city against the water, action had to be taken.

In the case of Nijmegen, this involves moving the Waaldike in Lent and



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**Painting of Nijmegen with the city fortifications still intact**



**Flood prevention measures.**



# The city of Nijmegen



constructing an ancillary channel in the flood plains. This will create an island in the Waal and a unique urban river park with lots of possibilities for recreation, culture, water and nature. The solution is far-reaching, yet sustainable and safe. The large scale project involves the construction of three bridges, new dikes and concrete water barriers and the excavation of a large channel, among others.

## The "Vierdaagse" (Dutch for "Four day Event")

This is an annual walk that has taken place since 1909, being based at Nijmegen since 1916. Depending on age group and category, walkers have to walk 30, 40 or 50 kilometers each day for four days. Originally a military event with a few civilians, it now is a mainly civilian event. Numbers have risen in recent years, with over 40,000 taking part - including about 5,000 Military. It is now the world's largest walking event. Due to crowds on the route, since 2004 the organizers have limited the number of participants. The first day of walking is always the 3rd Tuesday in July.

Each day of the marches is named after the biggest town it goes through. Tuesday is the day of Elst, Wednesday the day of Wijchen, Thursday the day of Groesbeek and Friday the day of Cuijk. The routes always stay the same unless there is a specific need to change, as it did in 2007 (route changed in 2006 but cancelled) when the walkers went through the Waalkade on Wednesday for the first time since the original route got too crowded and sometimes walkers had to wait for over an hour. 2006 was the first year to be cancelled in 90 years (apart from WW II). After the first day's march there were thousands of drop-outs and two deaths because of extreme heat.

On the Friday, as participants near the finish, the public hands out Gladioli to the walkers. This is a symbolic gesture of force and victory stemming from Roman times where gladiators were showered with Gladioli. The Nijmegen walkers are similarly 'showered' with flowers on their arrival at the finish. The entry into the city and towards the finish, the St. Annastraat, is for that reason called Via Gladiola during the Nijmegen Marches.

## Tourism

In Nijmegen, past and present are intertwined. You can experience it for yourself. Like the Romans, high up in Valkhofpark you can admire the Dutch river landscape stretching out before you.

Admire too the old buildings on the Grote Markt, the historic chapel combined with modern architecture on the Marienburg, or stroll down the Waalkade along Europe's busiest waterway. Discover Roman artefacts and modern art side by side in Museum "Het Valkhof." Visit extraordinary boutiques in historic buildings and trendy shops in the modern two-story Marikenstraat.



Participants in the annual 4-day March

Compiled from the internet by Pieter Leeftang



Beautiful old building



Enjoying the sun on the terraces



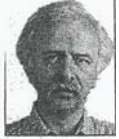
Shopping on the Grote Markt

## Met veel gewonden tussen het oorlogsgeweld.

*Op 17 september 1944 landden duizenden parachutisten bij Groesbeek. Voor de geallieerden begon de strijd om de bevrijding van de regio.*

*Jopie van Arragon was verpleegster in het Nijmeegse Wilhelminaziekenhuis.*

*Hier volgen haar herinnering aan die dagen.*



Geschreven door  
**Rob Jasper**

### Nijmegen 1944

Een dag na de landing rukten de Amerikanen en Engelsen vanuit Groesbeek op naar Nijmegen, naar de Waalbrug.

Het Wilhelminaziekenhuis aan de Claes Noordduynstraat (nu verpleeghuis Margriet) in Nijmegen-Oost lag pal in de frontlinie.

De Duitsers en de geallieerden wisselden hier voortdurend van positie.

Jopie, nu 86, was destijds 21 jaar.

De gevechten waren in en om het ziekenhuis.

Achter het ziekenhuis waren kleine huisjes helernaal platgeschoten.

We zaten dus midden in het oorlogsgeweld.

Veel paratroepen, Amerikanen, waren vanuit Groesbeek afgezakt naar Nijmegen.

Er zaten er een heleboel achter in de tuin van het ziekenhuis.

Aan de voorkant van het gebouw lagen de Duitsers. Wij zaten er dus tussenin. Ik had dienst op de tuberculose-afdeling voor mannen. Daar stonden altijd de hele dag de deuren open. Daar was ook een groot terras, want 's morgens moesten we de bedden van de mannen die erg ziek waren, altijd buiten zetten. 's Avonds moesten we ze weer binnen halen. Toen er zo geschoten werd, hebben we ze niet naar buiten gebracht, maar zetten we wel de deuren open.

Op een gegeven moment kwamen de zwaar bepakte Amerikaanse paratroepers, zo vanuit de tuin het terras en de zaal op.

Onze zieke mannen waren geweldig enthousiast dat die soldaten bij hun aan bed kwamen terwijl ze in een vuurgevecht zaten. Er kwamen ook

gewonde Amerikanen binnen. Die zijn meteen boven in de operatiekamer geopereerd door de doktoren. Ik heb die mannen later verzorgd, ik sprak Engels. Ze kregen een plekje op de mannenafdeling waar nog plaats was. Maar tegen de avond kwamen de granaten zelfs door het dak van de benedenverdieping. Ze moesten echt weg. Het was een paniektoestand, een chaos. Ik had kennissen dichtbij wonen en daar hebben we twee geopereerde Amerikanen heen gebracht. De ene kon nog lopen, de andere niet.

Die hebben we op een rijdende brancard gelegd.

Ze hadden nog witte ziekenhuiskleding aan, want ze kwamen net van de operatiekamer. Dus ik greep de dekens van het bed en heb ze die omgeslagen. In de Van Nispenstraat had ik kennissen die mensen van de ondergrondse kenden. Tegen de avond, zo rond zes uur zijn we op pad gegaan. Het was een rare optocht. We hadden niks bij ons. We liepen in ons uniform naar buiten, we hadden geen jas aan. Die grote Amerikaan lag to kreunen op de brancard toen we bij onze kennis arriveerden. Overal werd geschoten. We vroegen of we eventjes konden blijven. Later die avond zijn we verder getrokken, naar een dochter van die kennis. Ze woonde een eindje verderop, richting Groesbeek, dus waar de Amerikanen vandaan kwamen. 's Nachts zijn we bij onze Amerikanen gebleven. Een van de soldaten kon bijna niet praten. De volgende ochtend hebben we ze met mensen uit het verzet in een gesloten bestelbusje heel voorzichtig naar Groesbeek gebracht.

Daar zat het hoofdkwartier van de mensen die gedropt zijn. Ik moest alles uitleggen aan de dokters. Ik ben toen nog nog 2 1/2 week bij de Amerikanen gebleven met enkele andere zusters. Later zijn we naar het Nebo klooster gegaan. Daar hoorden dat ons ziekenhuis intussen grotendeels was overgebracht naar de kelders van het Albertinum klooster.

*(Editor's note: With the article on the city of Nijmegen on pages 14 & 15, I thought it would be a nice addition to publish the personal story of Jopy van Arragon, who was a nurse in the local hospital in Nijmegen.*

*There is also a Perth connection as Jopie's sister lived in Trigg a few years ago)*



**Wednesday 14 May**

**Mid Month Movie Meeting (MMMM)**

**OORLOGSWINTER**

A movie made by Martin Koolhoven (103 min)  
from a book by Jan Terlouw

NB: this is a Dutch Language movie with English subtitles

Club opens at 7.00pm

Movie starts at 7.30pm

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For details regarding MMMM

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# How the Dutch are coping with climate change

**Netherlands to upgrade flood defences to cope with climate change.** (Sourced from the internet)

**National 'Delta' programme set for radical overhaul due to recent sea level rise predictions.**



A national effort is underway in the Netherlands to upgrade the thousands of miles of dykes and dams responsible for keeping the country dry.

As the climate changes, experts say the Netherlands' network of flood defences will no longer be able to hold up against either rising sea levels or flooding rivers and this autumn the government will explain how it plans to hold the sea back for another century.

In 2007, an investigation was launched into whether the famously low-lying country could survive at all should projections of almost a metre of sea level rise by the end of the century come to pass. This rise has since been revised.

A committee concluded that life could go on in the Netherlands, but work must begin immediately to upgrade the country's 3,700km of dykes, dunes and dams, which hold back the water in the country's most vulnerable coastal areas.

On the committee's advice, a Delta Programme was set up, which began work on a new policy framework for the country that will be put before Parliament this September, including five "Delta Decisions" that will form the basis of the country's new water strategy.

These five decisions lay out concrete ideas on how the Netherlands can deal with some of the biggest challenges posed by their troublesome geography.

The proposals will renew the government's strategy on water safety and flood risk management, the future scarcity of freshwater supplies, and spatial planning of new buildings and infrastructure.

They also propose specific plans for the most vulnerable regions of the Netherlands, the IJsselmeer region and the Rhine-Meuse Delta.

## **Delta Programme**

The Netherlands already has a flood strategy in place — a Delta Act was passed in 1959 in the wake of devastating floods that killed 1,836 people six years earlier — but van Alphen explains that the new proposals will take this next stage of protection in a new direction to cope with arising challenges. He says: "Flood risk standards will be more directed to avoid fatalities and societal disruption. As we have seen in New York, modern societies, especially very densely populated urban areas, are very vulnerable to flooding because of electricity and transport that might be affected."

Social and economic changes since the 1960s have provided a further prompt to upgrade the flood defences.

Willem Ligtoet, an advisor to the Dutch government on flooding, from the PBL Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency says: "Since the old standards were first proposed the population has grown, the economic value of flood sensitive areas has grown enormously and we know a lot better the quality of our dykes."

Another round of floods in 1995 inspired a 20-year programme to improve the country's flood defences, including a scheme called 'room for the river'. But the new strategy does not have a finite end point. "With the Delta Programme, we are aware that the work is never done, that you always have to continue," says van Alphen.

## **Opportunities**

A long history of exposure to flooding means that the Dutch are experts when it comes to building defences, both technically and politically.

For centuries, the nation performed the role of international agony aunt, when other countries found themselves beset by water problems.

Examples range from the 17th century decision to draft in Dutch engineer Cornelius Vermuyden to find a way to drain the Cambridgeshire Fens, to more recent knowledge sharing in the wake of restoration and delta planning in New Orleans, Vietnam, Bangladesh and Somerset.

When it comes to their own strategy, the Dutch are approaching the problem with equal gravity. The government has set aside up to €1 billion a year up to 2100, as part of the national budget.

Sensing a financial opportunity, this has drawn business into the plan, says van Alphen. "Industry is interested because they see a lot of work, but also large opportunities for new innovations and they can be exported to other countries, and they can earn money from those innovations as well."

Local communities are also largely on board, he says, in spite of the fact that some may face relocation as dykes and levees are strengthened. This is due to the fact that schemes to improve local areas with parks and recreational areas have been built into the plans, but also because there is a great deal of trust in the government to deal with the flood defences as necessary.

In the Netherlands, defences are so well organised that people aren't scared of flooding," says Ligtoet. "The Dutch people think it's taken care of: We won the fight against water."

## **Adaptation**

Once the Dutch government has embedded these new strategies into its legislation, it will have concretely achieved something that some countries are still struggling with conceptually: it will have established a long term, well funded climate adaptation plan, which aims to prepare the country for all eventualities.

"The details of climate change are uncertain. It might be very gentle, or it might accelerate," says van Alphen. "It's very difficult to design measures for a specific future situation, because you don't know exactly what that situation will be."

"Therefore, in our Delta Programme, we try to develop adaptive strategies and use flexible measures in order to make it possible to speed up or slow down when climate change accelerates or keeps the same pace as now."

"In many countries people say: 'Let's wait and see,' but in our situation we think: 'No, uncertainty is not an excuse for waiting.' We try to enforce that in our decision making."



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## **Winkeliers: banken te vaak dicht.**

*Door economieverslaggever Jeroen Schutijser*



## **Winkeliers zijn boos dat ze geld mislopen doordat banken op slot gaan**

Detailhandel Nederland vindt dat banken ouderwets zijn en zich moeten aanpassen aan de moderne tijd. De branche-organisatie wijst erop dat winkeliers geld mislopen doordat banken vaak dicht zijn.

"Winkels zijn tegenwoordig bijna altijd open: op zondag, 's avonds. Maar banken werken per jaar 110 dagen niet", zegt voorzitter Meerman van Detailhandel Nederland. "Dat is volstrekt uit de tijd. Hoezo 24-uurs-economie?"

### **'Bank zit op ons geld'**

Wat de winkeliers vooral dwarszit, is het feit dat het betalingsverkeer bijvoorbeeld komend paasweekend vier dagen deels stilligt. "Als iemand donderdagavond of vrijdag wat koopt, wordt het bedrag direct van zijn rekening gehaald. Maar de winkelier krijgt het pas bijgeschreven op de dinsdag na Pasen", zegt Meerman. "De bank zit dus dagenlang op dat geld."

Zo gaat het ook tijdens Pinksteren, 1 mei (Dag van de arbeid), Hemelvaartsdag en de meeste andere feestdagen en weekends. "En in zo'n paasweekend heb je het wel over 500 miljoen euro aan omzet waarover de winkels niet kunnen beschikken doordat banken het geld achterhouden", aldus Detailhandel Nederland.

### **Sponsoren**

Meerman zegt dat de detailhandel het nog steeds zwaar heeft. "Menig winkelier zit te smachten om geld op zijn bankrekening. Er zijn zelfs banken die tegen ondernemers zeggen: los maar wat meer af. Maar met de andere hand houden banken tijdens de Pasen 500 miljoen vast."

Meerman zegt vanochtend in het NOS Radio 1 Journaal dat de huidige situatie niet langer kan. "Wij hebben het geld hard nodig. Winkeliers hoeven de banken niet te sponsoren."

### **Oplossing**

De banken zijn al bezig met een oplossing, zegt Gijs

Boudewijn van de Betaalvereniging Nederland. "Het probleem is dat de Europese Centrale Bank en De Nederlandsche Bank gesloten zijn op zon- en feestdagen, dat is nu eenmaal binnen Europa afgesproken." Daardoor kunnen banken onderling in principe geen geld overmaken.

Er zijn volgens Boudewijn wel technische mogelijkheden om ervoor te zorgen dat er binnen Nederland toch ook in het weekend geld kan worden overgemaakt. "Je moet niet de illusie hebben om dit Europees te regelen, dat gaat te lang duren. We moeten het in Nederland oplossen."

## **Kabinet stelt huishoudentoeslag uit**

De huishoudentoeslag, die in 2015 zou worden ingevoerd, gaat voorlopig niet door. Minister Asscher



en staatssecretaris Wiebes schrijven aan de Tweede Kamer dat invoering juridisch te ingewikkeld wordt. Daardoor gaat een ingeboekte bezuiniging van 1,2 miljard euro niet door.

De toeslag moest de vervanging worden van de bestaande zorgtoeslag, de huurtoeslag, het kindgebonden budget en twee toeslagen voor ouderen.

### **"Onverantwoorde stijging"**

Volgens Asscher en Wiebes zou Nederland mogelijk honderden miljoenen extra kwijt zou zijn aan uitkeringen in andere landen. Om dat te voorkomen zouden ingewikkelde juridische regels nodig zijn en daar voelen de bewindslieden niet voor. Zij vinden ook dat de Belastingdienst het al druk genoeg heeft. De komst van de huishoudentoeslag leidt "tot een onverantwoorde stijging van de continuïteitsrisico's ten aanzien van de belastingheffing en toeslagen."

### **Ergens anders vandaan**

Invoering van de toeslag in zijn huidige vorm is niet mogelijk, zeggen Asscher en Wiebes. Zij gaan op zoek naar een alternatieve vorm.

De toeslag moest volgend jaar 600 miljoen euro opleveren, oplopend tot 1,2 miljard in 2017. Het kabinet probeert dat geld nu ergens anders vandaan te halen.



Bij de begrotingsbesprekingen vanavond wordt al gekeken hoe het gat in de begroting van 2015 moet worden gedicht. Naar oplossingen voor de jaren erna wordt later gekeken.

## Verpakking e-sigaret kan beter

Op navulverpakkingen van elektronische sigaretten staat vaak niet dat de inhoud giftig is, terwijl dat wel moet. Er moet een symbool met doodshoofd op de



verpakking staan, maar op bijna 70 procent van de verpakkingen ontbreekt die afbeelding, blijkt uit onderzoek van de Nederlandse Voedsel- en Warenautoriteit (NVWA).

De onderzoekers bekeken 151 navulverpakkingen met nicotine. Op 108 daarvan had een doodshoofd moeten staan, maar dat was maar in 30 procent het geval.

Consumenten worden daardoor niet goed gewaarschuwd tegen de inhoud van de verpakking, zegt de NVWA.

Bedrijven die de navullingen op de markt brengen, zijn verantwoordelijk voor de symbolen op de verpakking, maar laten dus vaak steken vallen. De NVWA dreigt met een dwangsom voor producenten die niets verbeteren. Er wordt binnenkort opnieuw gecontroleerd.

### Kindveilig

Met het aanbrengen van een kindveilige sluiting op de verpakkingen gaat het een stuk beter. Dat is goed nieuws, zegt de NVWA, omdat kinderen van een klein slokje van de navulling al een acute nicotinevergiftiging kunnen krijgen. Ook zijn de verpakkingen, in navolging van Europese regels, haast nooit groter dan 10 milliliter en blijft het nicotinegehalte onder de 2 procent.

## Roemeense politie op Koningsdag

De politie in Amsterdam krijgt op Koningsdag hulp van Roemeense collega's. Dat zei hoofdcommissaris Pieter-Jaap Aalbersberg op [stadszender AT5](#). Vorig jaar kreeg de Amsterdamse politie op Koninginnedag 800 aangiftes van zakkenrollerij



### Verleden jaar op Koninginnedag

binnen.

"Dat afgrijselijk aantal van vorig jaar willen we niet meer hebben", zei Aalbersberg. Daarom krijgt zakkenrollerij dit jaar extra aandacht.

Tijdens grote festiviteiten in de stad zijn Roemeense bendes van zakkenrollers actief. Vandaar de ondersteuning van Roemeense agenten. Eind augustus maakte burgemeester Van der Laan al bekend dat Roemenië hulp had aangeboden bij het probleem met de zakkenrollers.

### Afspraken tegen smartphonediefstal

Telecom-giganten hebben met elkaar afgesproken dat nieuwe smartphones straks op afstand onbruikbaar gemaakt kunnen worden door de eigenaar, bijvoorbeeld in het geval van diefstal. De afspraak moet diefstal minder aantrekkelijk maken. Wanneer iemand merkt dat zijn of haar smartphone is gestolen, kan diegene dat via internet aangeven. De telefoon wordt daarna geblokkeerd en leeggemaakt. Mocht de smartphone ooit worden teruggevonden, dan kan de eigenaar de blokkade opheffen en de inhoud terugplaatsen.

Onder meer Apple, Google, HTC, Huawei, Motorola, Microsoft, Nokia en Samsung doen mee aan het initiatief. De afspraak is dat al hun producten die na juli 2015 in de VS in de verkoop gaan aan de afspraak voldoen. Het is waarschijnlijk dat ook gebruikers buiten de VS van de afspraak profiteren.

Verder is afgesproken dat gebruikers de functie eerst zelf moeten inschakelen; het wordt consumenten dus niet opgedrongen.

Voor sommige fabrikanten verandert er weinig, omdat ze deze functionaliteit al hebben ingebouwd. Klanten van Apple en Google kunnen hun apparaten al op afstand wissen en blokkeren. Dat geldt ook voor zakelijke gebruikers van Microsoft.

# Challenging puzzles by the Puzzle Wizard

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## CODEBREAKER PUZZLE



### How to play the Game:

A **Codebreaker** is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet has been replaced by a number, the same number represents the same letter always.

The codes for 3 letters are revealed in this puzzle. Start with entering these letters throughout the puzzle first and then look for a word with most letters given and start guessing your first word. If you are unsure, use a pencil, then you can erase and start again.

*The last Codebreaker was not too difficult once you guessed the words "Opposed" and "Sheepdog".*

*And after you found the word "Hardship there was no more hardship and it was plain sailing. The solution of the April 2014 puzzle was:*

*A=7; B=13; C=4; D=21; E=20; F=8; G=11; H=9; I=18; J=24; K=3; L=5; M=23; N=10; O=19; P=14; Q=17; R=26; S=12; T=6; U=25; V=16; W=15; X=1; Y=2; Z=22.*

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	M	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	

## Sudoku

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers in the boxes to satisfy only one condition: each row, each column and each 3x3 box must contain one each of the digits 1 through 9.

### Sudoku - Easy

	3	5		8				
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	7	2			6			



### Sudoku - Moderate

							1	7
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